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**BOOK REVIEWS.**

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**The Encyclopedia of United States Supreme Court Reports**, being a Complete Encyclopedia of all the Case Law of the Federal Supreme Court up to and including Volume 206 of the United States Supreme Court Reports (Book 51, Lawyers' Edition). Under the editorial supervision of Thomas Johnson Michie. Volume 11. The Michie Company, Law Publishers, Charlottesville, Va., 1910. Price \$6.00.

With the present volume this work is completed in accordance with the original plan, and an examination of the finished work convinces one that a service hard to be over-estimated has been done to the profession. The whole body of the law, as laid down by the Supreme Court of the United States, is put in condensed, convenient and available shape. One is struck with the far-reaching extent of the decisions of this great tribunal. There is scarcely a legal question of any importance which has not at some time been touched upon by the Court, and to be able therefore to find with celerity its opinion upon any given question is of the greatest value alike to the student and the practitioner. To those who possess the reports these volumes afford a ready reference, not merely to the cases, but to the condensed law given in those cases; they are therefore not only time savers, but the readiest help for quotation, as well as citation. To those who do not own the Reports, and especially to those who have no access to them this Encyclopedia is simply invaluable, as it gives the very gist of the cases and permits one therefore to use the law as laid down by the Supreme Court with absolute certainty of its being correctly stated. It is to be hoped that as the volumes of these Reports have increased from 206 to 214 an additional volume will soon be added to the Encyclopedia and the work continued at stated intervals.

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**American and English Annotated Cases:** Containing the important cases selected from the current American, Canadian and English Reports; thoroughly annotated. Edited by William M. McKinney, David S. Garland and H. Noyes Greene. Volume 17. Edward Thompson Company. Northport, L. I., N. Y., 1911. Price \$5.00.

We find each volume of these Reports of increasing interest and the notes of growing excellency and value. The note to *St. Louis, etc., R. R. v. Raines* on page 4 is a most complete and satisfactory treatise upon that vexed question which arises in almost every case during the process of cross-examination; "Is cross-examination

limited to the scope of the direct examination?" Both rules and the reasons for each are given, and then every case available—some twelve hundred in all—is cited, grouped under the proper state or country. We know of no other place where the law upon this subject can be so fully and readily found. There are two hundred and fifty notes to the cases in this volume, and each one evinces care and accuracy, while the selection of cases is marked by "modernity," if we may borrow a word from the Roman Catholic Church.

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**The Laws of England**, being a complete statement of the whole law of England. By Right Honorable Earl of Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, 1885-86, 1886-92, 1895-05. London. Volume 14. Butterworth & Co. Cromarty Law Book Company, 1112 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.; and Lawyers' Co-Operative Publishing Company, Rochester, N. Y., sole agents for United States. 1911. Price \$7.50 net.

The important topics of Executors and Administrators are found in this volume, rendering it of great interest to the American as to the English lawyer. The article on Factories and Ships is of much interest as showing the steady advance of governmental control over employments in which the life and health of employees are exposed to risk and danger. Our statesmen, whether of the national or state government, would do well to peruse these articles. They know how to do things in the "tight little island" and are not afraid to do them when the interests of its citizens, especially the working class, are concerned.

We enjoyed both the examination and the handling of these volumes as they come out—matter and material could not be much bettered.